

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Office Action in the present application. The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The specification is objected to because the title of the invention is not descriptive. Applicant has amended the title to overcome the objection.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ortiz, et al (U.S. 2002/0042774, hereinafter "Ortiz"). Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ortiz.

Applicants express their appreciation to Examiner Jared J. Fureman for the courtesy of an interview, which was granted to Applicants' representative, Sanford T. Colb (Reg. No. 26,856). The interview was held in the USPTO on June 15, 2005. The substance of the interview is set forth in the Interview Summary.

In the interview, a proposed amendment to claim 1 was discussed *vis-à-vis* the prior art of Ortiz. The Interview Summary Record states, in relevant part, "It was agreed that the proposed amendment defined over Ortiz et al and the other prior art of record."

Applicant has accordingly amended claim 1 as proposed.

Support for the amendments to the claims is found in the embodiment of Figs. 1-4 as annotated below:

1. A point of sale terminal comprising:
 - a housing; [Paragraph 15, housing 10]
 - a point of sale key pad located within said housing at a bottom location thereat; [Paragraph 16, keypad 16]
 - a point of sale display located within said housing; [Paragraph 17, display 24]
 - a printer located within said housing at a top location thereat; [Paragraph 17, printer 26]
 - a point of sale transaction circuitry located within said housing; [Paragraph 15,

circuitry 12]

at least one card reader located in said housing; and [Paragraph 16, readers 20, 22]

a recessed socket defined by said housing at an intermediate location thereat, [Paragraph 15, socket 14, Fig. 1]

said intermediate location being intermediate said key pad at said bottom location and said printer at said top location, [Fig. 1]

said socket being configured to accommodate a mobile computing/communicating device, having a mobile computing/communicating device display, therein in an orientation relative to said housing and to said point of sale display wherein said point of sale display and said computing/communicating device display lie generally parallel to each other. [Fig. 3B]

Ortiz describes a method and system for processing negotiable economic credits through a hand held device. Credit is retrievable from a credit database associated with a point of sale and/or hand held device, in response to synchronizing a hand held device, such as a PDA, wireless PDA, paging device, cellular telephone, or other hand held computing device, with the point of sale.

Applicant respectfully submits that Ortiz does not show or suggest a point of sale terminal including a point of sale display and a recessed socket defined by a housing at an intermediate location thereat, where the socket is configured to accommodate a mobile computing/communicating device, having a mobile computing/communicating device display, therein in an orientation relative to the housing and to the point of sale display wherein the point of sale display and the computing/communicating device display lie generally parallel to each other" as recited in amended claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is therefore deemed to be allowable.

Applicant has amended claims 2 and 3 to provide proper antecedent basis for all elements claimed therein in light of the amendments to claim 1.


Claims 2-7 depend from claim 1 and recite additional patentable matter and are therefore deemed allowable.

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In view of the foregoing, all of the claims are deemed to be allowable. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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